

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the last paragraph on page 65 with the following amended paragraph:

ML-236B biosynthesis ability was increased in five strains among the pSAKexpR transformed strains. ML-236B biosynthesis ability of these strains was 15% higher on average compared with the original strain. ML-236B biosynthesis ability of these five strains was also maintained stably after subculture such as monospore treatment or the like. These results indicate that the insert of ~~pSAKexpE~~ pSAKexpR is an ML-236B biosynthesis accelerating cDNA.